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1. PER REQUEST OF REFTEL THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED FOR EMBASSY USE IN DEVELOPING PRESS BACKGROUND INFORMATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH SIGNING OF US-FRG NARCOTICS CONTROL AGREEMENT.

2. ARRANGEMENTS FOR DIRECT EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION REGARDING TRAFFIC IN NARCOTIC DRUGS, CIRCA 1928-1931, WERE DEVELOPED IN BILATERAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND 17 INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES, INCLUDING FRANCE, GERMANY, GREECE, ITALY, JAPAN, POLAND, SPAIN, TURKEY AND THE UNITED
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BLEM BY THE OPIUM CONVENTION OF 1912 AND THE TWO SUBSEQUENT

OPIUM CONVENTIONS ADOPTED IN 1925.

3. WITH THE EXPANSION OF DRUG ABUSE TO INCLUDE A VARIETY OF DANGEROUS DRUG AND SUBSTANCES AND A GROWING NUMBER OF DRUG ABUSERS, THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENED A CONFERENCE FOR THE ADOPTION OF A SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS IN 1961 AND THE SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS, 1961 WAS ADOPTED. THERE ARE NOW 117 PARTIES TO THAT CONVENTION WHICH ESTABLISHED A REGIME FOR INTERNATIONAL CONTROL OF NARCOTIC DRUGS AND CREATED A MEANS FOR CONTINUOUS INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE SUPPRESSION OF NARCOTIC OFFENSES INCLUDING ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN SUCH DRUGS, AND IN THE TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ABUSERS.

4. AN AMENDING PROTOCOL TO THE SINGLE CONVENTION WAS ADOPTED IN 1972 AND THERE ARE NOW 60 PARTIES TO IT. THE PROTOCOL STRENGTHENED THE MEASURES TO BE TAKEN AGAINST DRUG ABUSE, ENCOURAGED BROADER TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN NARCOTICS CONTROL AND DEVELOPED NEW APPROACHES TO PREVENT AND DEAL WITH DRUG ADDICTION.

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6. PRESIDENT CARTER HAS GIVEN INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL THE HIGHEST PRIORITY, DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF STATE, -N HIS DRUG ABUSE MESSAGE OF AUGUST 2, 1977, TO

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